



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : HUBERT KOCH
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated June 19, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 19, 2003, which has been extended three months so as to expire on December 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.